

COMMUNITY CONNECT

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR WILLIAM NEYER

Dear Harrison Residents,

As we head into the new year, I hope 2021 brings more normalcy to our daily routines. While the past year was trying for everyone around the world, our community can take pride in the fact that we responded with resiliency when faced with so many challenges.



School district leaders and teachers displayed the utmost professionalism and flexibility in educating our children and meeting their socialization needs. Local churches and religious organizations reached out to people in need and remained the bedrock of inspiration for our area. City employees responded with a profound sense of duty and competency, even though their work was made doubly difficult.

Most importantly, I noticed our residents displayed great courtesy and graciousness to one another. Although most of us have never seen a year like 2020, the tests we endured in a spirit of cooperation will carry us through the challenges we still face as the new year unfolds. Please remember organizations such as Christ's Loving Hands (513) 367-7746 and the Harrison Mayor's Fund exist if your family is in need or would like to assist neighbors facing challenges. Thanks to all of you for keeping Harrison a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Sincerely,
William Neyer, Mayor

HARRISON RANKS HIGH FOR GROWTH, AFFORDABILITY

The City of Harrison is one of the nation's fastest growing cities that is still affordable for renters and homeowners, according to national rankings provided by LendEDU. The City is projected to grow by 16.76 percent over the next five years.

In November, Harrison ranked no. 1 in Ohio and no. 100 in the U.S. for rent affordability. The average monthly rent cost is \$820.

To determine the rankings for rent affordability, LendEDU examined the most up-to-date data



Resident Tiffany H. shared this photo as part of the City's 2020 holiday season initiative.

for nearly 30,000 U.S. cities and identified 1,000 projected to grow the fastest over the next five years. Then, the cities were ranked according to each one's average monthly rent cost, including utilities.

In September, LendEDU also ranked Harrison no. 4 in Ohio (and 319 in the nation) for being highly desirable but affordable for homeowners.

The study ranked the top 1,000

1,000 U.S. cities projected to grow the fastest over the next five years and then ranked those cities according to median monthly home cost (Including mortgage payments and utilities).

POLICE & FIRE PERSONNEL READY FOR 2021



The Harrison Fire Department's mission includes fire prevention and education, as well as fire suppression and emergency medical services. This is delivered through 38 firefighters (including both full and part-time employees). In 2020, Cam Kugler and Kevin Draper were each promoted to captain. Matt Nichols was promoted to fire inspector.

Harrison Police Department preserves peace and life and property within the city. The Department is staffed by 21 officers and provides service seven days per week, 24 hours per day. In 2020, Shaun Miller was promoted to sergeant and replaced Todd Anderson following his retirement.

USE THE CITY WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES

As COVID-19 concerns caused the cancellation of events and meetings, the City used its website, www.harrisonohio.gov, to share important updates. Please visit the site for the latest information such as changes to meeting times or locations, which are sometimes conducted online. You can subscribe to the newsfeed and calendars so that you are notified by text or email when changes are made.



RECYCLING REMINDER: GLASS BOTTLE AND JARS



Glass bottles and jars can be recycled in our curbside recycling program. Common examples include spaghetti sauce jars, beer and wine bottles and pickle and salsa jars. These are just some specific examples, but you can recycle many more items from your home.

Residents may request a recycling cart by calling Rumpke at (513) 742-2900.

BOY SCOUTS CLEAN UP HARRISON AVE. FIELD

Members of the Crosby Cub Scout Pack 293 filled the back of a van with 10 trash bags in November. The Scouts spent an evening removing trash from the field across from the Kroger store on Harrison Avenue. If your family or organization is interested in conducting a clean-up this spring, call (513) 202-8495.



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